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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT"

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY GAO OF THE SUBJECT
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REVIEW WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE AT ADDRESSEE POSTS AND IN
WASHINGTON AT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, COMMERCE, AND
AGRICULTURE.

2. THIS REVIEW INVOLVES A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF
BOTH THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF SUGAR
PRODUCTION AND TRADE. WHILE IN COUNTRY, GAO WOULD LIKE TO

MEET WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SUGAR POLICY. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MARKETING BOARDS, PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS, AND EMBOFFS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE SUGAR INDUSTRY. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT SUGAR PRODUCING AREAS AND MILLING OPERATIONS.

3. VISITS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND TO BRAZIL ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MID-MAY. EXACT DATES AND NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS WILL BE COMMUNICATED BY DIRECTOR GAO PANAMA. VISIT TO AUSTRALIA IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15-27 AND TO MANILA MAY 27 - JUNE 8. PROPOSED ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL FROM DEPARTMENT.

4. FOR LONDON. GAO WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGING FOR MEETINGS WITH THE DIRECTOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION. GAO REP PLANS TO BE IN LONDON JUNE 11-18. DEPARTMENT WILL CONFIRM BY SEPTTEL.

5. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY, AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING UNCLASSIFIED

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